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Title:

Composite Wheel Assembly and Method for Producing Same

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Reply to Office Action and Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

To highlight the distinction of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of January 29, 2003, Paper No. 7, please amend the above-identified application as

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In the Claims

Kindly amend Claims 1, 5, 24, and 25 as follows:

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(Twice Amended) A composite wheel assembly comprising: